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SUBJECT: TENERIFE AIR DISASTER - SITUATION REPORT NO. 6

1. SITUATION AS OF 07:30 HOURS EST 3/30/77

2. MEDICAL EVACUATION: THE USAF C-141 MEDEVAC FLIGHT WITH 55 CRASH SURVIVORS AND AN AIR FORCE MEDICAL TEAM ABOARD ARRIVED AT MCGUIRE AFB NEAR FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY AT 1:12 A.M. EST. ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED PASSENGERS DIED DURING THE FLIGHT AND HER BODY WAS REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AT MCGUIRE. TEN OTHERS -- FOUR AMBULATORY AND SIX ON STRETCHERS -- WERE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY AMBULANCE TO WALSON ARMY HOSPITAL AT FORT DIX. THE AIRCRAFT WITH 44 SURVIVORS REMAINING ON BOARD LEFT MCGUIRE AT 3:38 A.M. EST FOR KELLEY AFB NEAR SAN ANTONIO WHERE IT IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT 8:18 A.M. EST. THE SERIOUSLY INJURED -- INCLUDING 30 ON STRETCHERS -- WILL BE TAKEN TO BROOKE MEDICAL CENTER WHERE A SPECIAL BURN-TREATMENT UNIT HAS BEEN READIED. SOME OF THE INJURED ARE IN VERY CRITICAL CONDITION. THE AIRCRAFT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO PROCEED FROM SAN ANTONIO TO EL TORO MARINE CORPS STATION NEAR SAN DIEGO AND TRAVIS AFB NEAR SAN FRANCISCO TO PROVIDE ONWARD TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE AMBULATORY SURVIVORS WHO WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THOSE AREAS.

3. AT TENERIFE: EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT OF THE SEVEN-

TEEN SURVIVORS WHO REMAINED BEHIND, ONE CRITICALLY INJURED VICTIM HAS DIED, TWO REMAIN HOSPITALIZED IN LESS SERIOUS CONDITION AND FOURTEEN ARE NOT HOSPITALIZED. FIVE OF THE SEVENTEEN ARE PAN AM CREW MEMBERS WHO ARE AIDING THE CRASH INVESTIGATORS. APPROXIMATELY EIGHT US CONSULAR PERSONNEL AT THE SCENE ARE PROCEEDING WITH IDENTIFICATION AND PREPARATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES ARE EXPECTED TO BE LENGTHY AND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

4. MEMORIAL SERVICES: EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH AUTHORITIES AT TENERIFE ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CRASH VICTIMS AT 2:00 P.M. EST (7:00 P.M. LOCAL). EMBASSY MADRID ADMIN COUNSELOR CLINTON LAUDERDALE, RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT TENERIFE, WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ATTEND THE SERVICES AS THE USG REPRESENTATIVE.

5. TASK FORCE: WITH EVACUATION SURVIVORS NEARLY COMPLETE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REVIEW THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ROUND-THE-CLOCK STAFFING OF THE WORKING GROUP. FOR THE PRESENT, EUR AND SCA ARE CONTINUING THE 24-HOUR SCHEDULE.

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